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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Houshang Safaipour
MASAHIKO YOKOTA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/818,582)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 3652
Filed: March 28, 2001)	Allowed: June 9, 2005
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND)	July 25, 2005
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

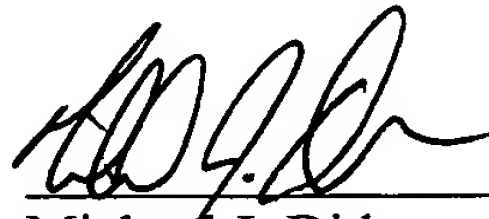
Sir:

Applicant having received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form (PTOL-85) dated June 9, 2005, submits the following comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto.

In the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner listed reasons for allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. For example, claim 6 is directed to an image forming apparatus, not an image reading apparatus. Nevertheless, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.J. Didas", is written over a horizontal line.

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